

# Accessing NSF Data on the Internet

College and university research administrators can find useful statistical data on the Web from NSF's Division of Science Resources Studies (SRS) at

<http://www.nsf.gov/sbe/srs/stats.htm>



The Division of Science Resources Studies is NSF's primary statistical unit. It is responsible for collecting and publishing statistics on topics surveyed annually such as:

- **academic R&D expenditures by universities and colleges**
- **research facilities at universities and colleges**
- **Federal support for S&E activities to universities, colleges, and nonprofit institutions**
- **graduate S&E student enrollments and support patterns**

For example, Data Briefs presents the highlights of recent NSF surveys and studies. From <http://www.nsf.gov/sbe/srs/stats.htm>

- Click on Data Briefs and Reports
- Under a report category, such as *Comprehensive and Special Analytic Reports on Science and Engineering*, click on *Science and Engineering Indicators*
- From the list, click on *Science and Engineering Indicators – 1998 (NSB 98-1)*
- You can now view the complete publication, or print a hard copy

*Academic Institutional Profiles* are another useful set of SRS statistics. Use them to compare your institution with peer institutions. The profiles combine information from SRS and other Federal agencies through annual NSF surveys of:

- academic R&D expenditures at universities and colleges
- Federal support for S&E activities to universities, colleges, and nonprofit institutions
- graduate students and postdoctorates in S&E

You can select profiles alphabetically or by using a search engine. More information and complete instructions begin at

<http://www.nsf.gov/sbe/srs/profiles/toc.htm>

In addition, the institutional profiles are linked to the survey ranking tables. For example, by clicking on the ranking number of your institution in the academic R&D expenditures survey, you can access the academic R&D expenditures ranking table that shows each institution's available data for the last four years. The links go the other way, too: From the ranking table, click on the name of an institution and view its profile.

Many materials are available as text, spreadsheet, portable document, or hypertext format.

For instructions on downloading files or configuring your browser, go to the help page at

<http://www.nsf.gov/sbe/srs/help.htm#format>

The best way to find out what might be most useful is to browse for a while at

**<http://www.nsf.gov/sbe/srs/stats.htm>**